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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LEE TERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Michael J. Greer, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Miami, Florida, offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, extend Your guidance and inspiration over this legislative body. May they find the ways and means to extend assistance to those in need, appropriate, equitably, and build up foreign relations to promote trust in a spirit of collaboration. Deliver the United States from violence and those things that divide so that we may be more faithful to the words we so often say, one Nation under God.

And as we are so fortunate to be able to speak and to act freely, yet responsibly, may they encourage that right here and everywhere so as to promote liberty and justice for all.

And so bless these Members, and as they receive suggestions from their constituents, so may they also receive the support they need from the people they represent and work for and be assured of Your providential care in their lives and for this Nation. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BEREUTER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND MICHAEL J. GREER

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure and truly an honor this morning to welcome to the United States House of Representatives my friend, Father Michael Greer. Michael Greer is truly a wonderful human being and our community in South Florida is so very privileged that he lives and works with us.

Father Greer has been a teacher of theology. He possesses extraordinary academic credentials, with degrees in theological and liturgical studies from various institutions of higher learning, including the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, Father Greer's hometown. Father Greer has taught at the St. Vincent De Paul Seminary and Florida International University. But most of all Michael Greer has become known and beloved in our community by and through his work as the pastor of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Miami for the last 16 years.

The Good Shepherd community has flourished during Father Greer's years

there. Love, compassion and mercy toward our fellow human beings are not only practiced at Good Shepherd, their presence there is perceived by our entire diverse community.

Michael Greer does not only believe in diversity, he lives it each day in his work, including his constant visits to the sick and his masses, in English, Spanish and Creole.

Good Shepherd now has a wonderful school, also. We are privileged today to have the presence as well of the school's distinguished principal, Dr. Maria Elena Lopez.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress of the United States is honored today by the visit of a humble and great man, Father Michael Greer of Miami.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes per side.

### WAR CRIMES IN BELGIUM

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, should the United States allow its military and political leaders like General Tommy Franks, Colin Powell and Vice President CHENEY to be tried for war crimes in Belgium? Some bureaucrats in Belgium would like to think so. Trying to be a player on the world stage, it adopted a universal jurisdiction law supposedly giving Belgian courts jurisdiction over war crimes committed anywhere in the world. Defense Secretary Rumsfeld did the right thing by saying we would not spend taxpayer money to support the new NATO headquarters in a country that could prosecute our soldiers and leaders. Maybe it is time that we even think of moving

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